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2 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: EA/TR

SUBJECT : Weekly Activities Report

1. The Before-and-After Hours Language Training Program is successfully underway with 95 students enrolled in the Program. Six students have withdrawn to date for various reasons. One of our biggest difficulties in setting up the Program was finding language qualified people who could teach and who could be spared from their offices for the three hours a week which the office donates to the Program. We may have to go to a completely after hours approval, i.e. 1700 to 1900, in the future if this shortage of instructors continues.

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2. On Monday, 28 September, the LS Linguistic Steering Committee, composed of the School linguists met to discuss the subject of language proficiency testing. [REDACTED] deputy chief of the testing unit, briefed the group on his planned discussions with [REDACTED] of Psychological Services Staff. [REDACTED] who has been doing research on proficiency testing for the past 9 months, talked about the possibility of introducing an objectively scored listening comprehension course into the testing program. He also raised the subject of the number of grade discriminations which can be made across the language capability continuum. We are currently using 11 discriminations. The Steering Committee will continue to meet weekly to discuss linguistics matters as they apply to language training and testing in order to advise the C/LS. 25X1A9a

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3. We were visited Tuesday by one of our recent students from SB Division [REDACTED] who had prepared an extensive thoughtful critique on his language training experience. The principal problem, as he saw it, was the difficulty of the Division in putting students into the Language School 1) for a long enough period of time, 2) who were going to use the language immediately after training, and who are 3) adequately motivated. We pointed out that we had little control over input into the School and that, in this respect, we are at the mercy of our customers. Copies of his ten page critique have been forwarded to senior training officers.

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Excluded from automatic  
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4. Personnel Notes

a. [REDACTED] departed for his SB Division assignment on 30 September. [REDACTED] will assume control of the Slavic Department until a suitable replacement is found.

b. Because of a significant decline in the number of Indonesian students, we were forced to lay off two of our WAE instructors, Mrs. [REDACTED] Their last day of work is 2 October.

5. Language School Statistics

Students and Classes as of 2 October 1970:

<u>Students</u>	<u>Classes</u>
Full-time - 70	Full-time - 30
Part-time - 181 (49 Hqs.)	Part-time - 44 (10 Hqs.)
(95 BAHLT)	(8 BAHLT)

Laboratory hours for the week 28 September - 2 October 1970:

Language School - 298  
Headquarters - 112

Twelve language proficiency tests were given during the week of 21 - 25 September 1970.

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Chief, Language School

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